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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 June 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-14,17-21,23,24 and 26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-14,17-21,23,24 and 26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
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- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. **Claims 1, 4 and 8 – 13** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Adamson (US Patent 5,717,863)** in view of **Klug (US Patent 6,823,327)** in further view of **Net2Phone (<http://web.archive.org/web/20000301065632/www.net2phone.com/default.htm>)**.

4. In regards to **claim 1**, Adamson discloses a method of providing a call connection between a first and second party using a system connected to at least a telecommunication network of a PSTN (**Figure 1, Col. 3 L. 34 – 38**), mobile telecommunication network (**wherein if the first party were to provide a cell phone number it would have been obvious that a mobile telecommunication network is being used**), and the Internet (**Col. 2 L. 20 – 22**). The method comprising:

- the system providing to a first client computer with a business card making facility (**Col. 4 L. 17 – 27**);

- the first computer requesting the system to issue the business card which includes a type of number of the first party (**Col. 4 L. 17 – 27**) and call buttons corresponding to phone numbers (**Col. 1 L. 34 – 38; Fig. 7b – 10g**);
- a database to store a business card with ID numbers assigned by the system with respect to call buttons (**Col. 1 L. 34 – 38; Fig. 7b – 10g**) and issuing a business card (**Col. 2 L. 31 – 40; Fig. 87b – 10g**), with call buttons with a request function for connection via the system (**Col. 4 L. 35 – 44; Fig. 7b – 10g**) with corresponding phone numbers;
- the system then transmitting the business cards to others designated by the first party via the Internet (**Col. 2 L. 26 – 31**);
- the system providing to the second computer a phone number inputting window when the second client computer opens the business card and accessing the system (**Col. 7 – 8 Lines 62 – 21**);
- the second computer requesting the system to make a call connection between the first party and the second party (**Col. 6 L. 15 – 19; Col. 8 L. 18 – 21**) by clicking call buttons by the second party while providing the ID number of the call button and the second party's call connection information inputted (**Col. 5 L. 41 – 55; Col. 8 L. 28 – 31**); and
- the system searching the first party's number corresponding to the ID number of the call button provided by the second client computer (**inherent**) via the internet and telecommunication network when the first and second party respond to the call connection attempted by the dialing (**inherent**), and the

call connection service being provided by the system through the medium of the business card (see also Adamson Column 5 Lines 41 – 49; Fig. 3; Fig. 8; Fig. 10b – 10g).

Adamson, however, fails to provide a web page to create business cards, that the first party provides their phone number as their means of communication, providing a URL on the business cards as a means to connect to the system, and the first party transmitting the business cards to other parties by e-mail.

In regards to dispersing data by logging onto a web site and having the website disperse the information inputted by the first party, Klug discloses a registration information processing system for the web that automates the user registration process at web sites. The user utilizes this web site as a repository for registration information so that the user can request this registration information to be transmitted (Klug Col. 2 – 3). Despite the fact that Klug discloses that the information is used as a means to automate registration at other websites designated by the user, Klug further discloses that it is old and well known in the art to use a web site as a means of disseminating information to other destinations designated by the user and that the system assigns a user with an ID and optional password. Further still, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art using the teachings of Klug that there are other means of inputting the destination information other than a web site address, such as e-mail. Furthermore, it is also old and well known in the art that when sending e-mail messages using an online service that URL information is also included in a message as a means of

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advertisement for the web site, which would result in recipient of the e-mail to click on the URL in order to access the online system.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Adamson in view of the teachings to Klug to include a web page as a means of exchanging business cards over the internet and having the information transmitted to e-mail addresses designated by the user. Consequently, it would have been also obvious to one skilled in the art that the business card creation means disclosed by Adamson would also have to be included on the web site in order to properly create and disseminate the business cards to their designated locations.

However, the combination of Adamson and Klug fails to disclose the implementation of PC-phone communication. However, Net2Phone discloses an online system that allows a user to make PC-phone communication

(<http://web.archive.org/web/20000301065632/www.net2phone.com/default.htm>).

Although, Adamson only discloses PC-PC communication, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art that this is not the only means of communication using the Internet given that not everyone has access to the Internet.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the combination of Adamson and Klug in view of the teachings of Net2Phone that there are other means of communication over the Internet, such as PC-phone, and that including a user's phone number on the business cards, as disclosed by Adamson, as a means of communicating with the user would have been obvious.

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5. In regards to **claim 2**, applicant has canceled the claim.

6. In regards to **claim 3**, applicant has canceled the claim.

7. In regards to **claim 4**, Klug discloses that the user's registration information is stored and accessible at the registrar web site (**Klug Column 5 Lines 30 – 33**).

Moreover, the information can then be used to automatically register a user to other websites indicated by the user (**Column 5 Lines 65 – 67, Column 6 Lines 1 – 2**).

8. In regards to **claim 8**, Adamson discloses further comprising the step of, when a call connection, tried by the system, to the phone number of the first party corresponding to the call button clicked by the second party is not available, the system switching the trial of the call connection to any other phone number in the received we business card (**Col. 8 Line 46 – Col. 9 Line 20**).

9. In regards to **claim 9**, Adamson discloses that the application would allow someone to add in the same information that a paper business card would have, such as name, phone number, network address, logo, etc. (**Adamson Column 6 Lines 51 – 67**).

10. In regards to **claim 10**, it is well known in the art to provide a template, or samples, and inserting information into these templates. An example of such a concept is the template wizard that Microsoft Office offers. One would open up a new office document and be presented with several templates to choose from and once selected will be prompted to input necessary information, such as the input windows that Adamson discloses (**Adamson Column 7 Lines 44 – 61**). Once the information is

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inputted it, the wizard will then insert the inputted information in the respected fields within the template.

11. In regards to **claims 11**, Adamson discloses in response to a request of the first client computer, the system providing the first client computer with an existing web business card, designated by the first party, in the database and updating the existing web business card with a modified we business card modified by the first party and provided by the first client computer (**Col. 2 L. 33 – 38**).

12. In regards to **claims 12**, Adamson and Klug et al., in combination, discloses, "Address records of corporate address books 202a – 202c are automatically created/updated by the bizcard create and edit functions of the conferencing applications whenever bizcards are created/updated, to be described fully below. Furthermore, corporate address books 202a – 202c are synchronized with each other automatically by file drivers included on servers 18a – 18c (**Column 5 Lines 19 – 25**)." Moreover, the information provided by the user can then be later accessed using an ID on a web page (**Column 8 Lines 1 – 8**).

13. In regards to **claim 13**, Adamson and Klug et al., in combination, disclose a storage device located on a PC that will store the bizcards (user registration information) with the address records and be made available for browsing on a web page after an ID is inputted (**Adamson Column 4 Lines 10 – 16 Klug Column 8 Lines 1 – 8**). A conferencing application in turn will include, "...functions for modeling the exchange of business cards among the conference participants... (**Adamson Column 4 Lines 17 – 19**)."

14. **Claim 5** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Adamson (US Patent 5,717,863)** in view of **Klug (US Patent 6,823,327)** in further view of **Net2Phone**

(<http://web.archive.org/web/20000301065632/www.net2phone.com/default.htm>)

and in further view of **H. Oden (US Patent 3,510,594)**.

15. Adamson et al., Klug, and Net2Phone are discussed above, which fail to teach calculating a calling fee for a conference call. Oden teaches that it is old and well know to use a, "...circuit arrangement for automatic fee assessment among a plurality of subscribers participating in a conference call... (Column 3 Claim 1)."

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention in view of the teachings of Oden to modify the combination of Adamson et al., Klug, and Net2Phone to include a circuit arrangement for automatic fee assessment.

16. **Claims 6 and 7** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Adamson et al., Klug et al., Net2Phone and Oden** as applied to claim 5 above, and further in view of **Gainsboro (US Patent 5,926,533)**.

17. Gainsboro discloses that it is old and well know to use a software program that supports,

"...(1) establishment and configuration of individual inmate data and monetary accounts;
(2) checking of inmate debit (i.e. paid-in-advance) accounts;...
(4) real-time monitoring of inmate telephone calls and alerts...along with the ability to cut off inmate calls individually and globally;
(5) storing and reporting of detailed inmate call details and account information;...(Column 11 Lines 41 – 46)."

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Moreover, it is also old and well known of the existence that such payment plans/methods in order to control phone usage, such as calling cards (**see also Net2Phone**).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention in view of the teachings of Gainsboro to modify the combination of Adamson et al., Klug et al., and Oden as discussed in claim 5 to include a software program that monitors paid-in-advance accounts with the ability to cut off calls.

18. **Claims 14, 17 – 18, 21, 23 – 24, and 26** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Adamson (US Patent 5,717,863) in view of Klug (US Patent 6,823,327) and in further view of **Net2Phone**

(<http://web.archive.org/web/20000301065632/www.net2phone.com/default.htm>).

19. In regard to **claims 14 and 26**, Adamson discloses a network system for the use of conferencing between two parties (**Adamson Column 5 Lines 45 – 49**). It is important to note that a server connected to a small network is the same as connecting to the Internet, in that a server connecting to the Internet is connecting to an even larger network (Newton's Telecom Dictionary 20th Edition Pages 433 – 435).

Adamson also discloses a conference manager for initiating and accepting conference calls through the use of the network. Furthermore, the manager manages the conferences and the applications associated with the conference (**Adamson Column 6 Lines 12 – 19**).

Adamson discloses storage devices found on a PC and on a server for the storing of address books and the like (**Adamson Column 4 Lines 10 – 16**).

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Adamson discloses an application capable of creating and editing an electronic business card (bizcards) (**Adamson Column 7 Lines 3 – 8**). The bizcards hold the same information as a paper business card can with the added bonus of allowing someone to make a call to a second party. The call is then carried out with the use of a conference manager that Adamson discloses above. The connection that is made is dependant on what connection information was given on the cards as well as what is supported by a PC (**Column 5 Lines 41- 49**).

Furthermore, Adamson discloses that the information that stores the bizcards can be updated as the need arises and that the update is carried out to other areas that are needed (**Column 4 Lines 26 – 33**).

Adamson, however, fails to provide a web page to create business cards, that the first party provides their phone number as their means of communication, providing a URL on the business cards as a means to connect to the system, and the first party transmitting the business cards to other parties by e-mail.

In regards to dispersing data by logging onto a web site and having the website disperse the information inputted by the first party, Klug discloses a registration information processing system for the web that automates the user registration process at web sites. The user utilizes this web site as a repository for registration information so that the user can request this registration information to be transmitted (**Klug Col. 2 – 3**). Despite the fact that Klug discloses that the information is used as a means to automate registration at other websites designated by the user, Klug further discloses that it is old and well known in the art to use a web site as a means of disseminating

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information to other destinations designated by the user and that the system assigns a user with an ID and optional password. Further still, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art using the teachings of Klug that there are other means of inputting the destination information other than a web site address, such as e-mail. Furthermore, it is also old and well known in the art that when sending e-mail messages using an online service that URL information is also included in a message as a means of advertisement for the web site, which would result in recipient of the e-mail to click on the URL in order to access the online system.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Adamson in view of the teachings to Klug to include a web page as a means of exchanging business cards over the internet and having the information transmitted to e-mail addresses designated by the user. Consequently, it would have been also obvious to one skilled in the art that the business card creation means disclosed by Adamson would also have to be included on the web site in order to properly create and disseminate the business cards to their designated locations.

However, the combination of Adamson and Klug fails to disclose the implementation of PC-phone communication. However, Net2Phone discloses an online system that allows a user to make PC-phone communication

(<http://web.archive.org/web/20000301065632/www.net2phone.com/default.htm>),

which would also obviously include a trunk gateway. Although, Adamson only discloses PC-PC communication, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art that this is

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not the only means of communication using the Internet given that not everyone has access to the Internet.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the combination of Adamson and Klug in view of the teachings of Net2Phone that there are other means of communication over the Internet, such as PC-phone, and that including a user's phone number on the business cards, as disclosed by Adamson, as a means of communicating with the user would have been obvious.

20. **In regards to claim 15, applicant has canceled the claim.**

21. **In regards to claim 16, applicant has canceled the claim.**

22. In regards to **claim 17**, it is well known in the art to provide services through a web page that a user can access. Such examples were discussed above.

Furthermore, Adamson discloses an application that allows a user to create an electronic business card, as well as edit the content of existing electronic business cards (**Adamson Column 2 Lines 26 – 31, Column 7 Lines 3 – 4**).

23. In regards to **claim 18**, it is well known in the art to provide a template, or samples, and inserting information into these templates. An example of such a concept is the template wizard that Microsoft Office offers. One would open up a new office document and be presented with several templates to choose from and once selected will be prompted to input necessary information, such as the input windows that Adamson discloses (**Column 7 Lines 44 – 61**). Once the information is inputted it, the

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wizard will then insert the inputted information in the respected fields within the template.

24. In regards to **claim 21**, Adamson and Klug et al., in combination, disclose a storage device located on a PC and a server that will store the bizcards with the address records and be made available for browsing (**Adamson Column 7 Lines 44 – 46**). A conferencing application in turn will include, "...functions for modeling the exchange of business cards among the conference participants... (**Adamson Column 4 Lines 17 – 19**).” Moreover, the information on the bizcard can also contain not only calling information, but also links that may be pertinent to the usage of the cards, such as the web page where the user’s information is stored on (**Klug Column 5 Lines 30 – 33**).

25. In regards to **claim 22**, applicant has canceled the claim.

26. In regards to **claim 23**, Adamson and Klug et al., in combination, discloses in Figure 1 that servers 18a - 18c represent the several different types of servers that are known in the art (Adamson Column 4 Lines 64 – 66). Moreover, a gateway would, inherently, be included in the configuration of a network system connected to the Internet in order to access a web page. Furthermore, a router is well known in the art to be used in a network because of its ability to direct information to a specific destination (Hargrave’s Communications Dictionary <http://www.xreferplus.com/entry/2721667>). This with Adamson et al.’s conference manager allows for the connection between two parties to be established. The fact that the connection is between a PC – PC and a PC – telephone has already been discussed above.

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27. In regards to **claim 24**, Adamson discloses, "Address records of corporate address books 202a – 202c are automatically created/updated by the bizcard create and edit functions of the conferencing applications whenever bizcards are created/updated, to be described fully below. Furthermore, corporate address books 202a – 202c are synchronized with each other automatically by file drivers included on servers 18a – 18c (Column 5 Lines 19 – 25)."

28. In regards to **claim 25**, applicant has canceled the claim

29. **Claim 19** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Adamson (US Patent 5,717,863)** in view of **Klug (US Patent 6,823,327)** in further view of **Net2Phone**

(<http://web.archive.org/web/20000301065632/www.net2phone.com/default.htm>)

and in further view of **H. Oden (US Patent 3,510,594)**.

30. In regards to **claim 19**, Adamson et al., and Klug are discussed above. Adamson and Klug fail to teach calculating a calling fee for a conference call. Oden teaches a, "...circuit arrangement for automatic fee assessment among a plurality of subscribers participating in a conference call... (Column 3 Claim 1)." Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention in view of the teachings of Oden to modify the combination of Adamson and Klug to include a circuit arrangement for automatic fee assessment.

31. **Claim 20** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Adamson et al., Klug et al., Net2Phone and Oden** as applied to claim 19 above, and further in view of **Gainsboro (US Patent 5,926,533)**.

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32. In regards to **claim 20**, Adamson, Klug, Net2Phone and Oden are discussed above. Gainsboro discloses a software program that supports,

“(1) establishment and configuration of individual inmate data and monetary accounts;
(2) checking of inmate debit (i.e. paid-in-advance) accounts;...
(4) real-time monitoring of inmate telephone calls and alerts...along with the ability to cut off inmate calls individually and globally;
(5) storing and reporting of detailed inmate call details and account information;...(Column 11 Lines 41 – 46).”

33. Gainsboro discloses that it is old and well know to use a software program that supports,

“(1) establishment and configuration of individual inmate data and monetary accounts;
(2) checking of inmate debit (i.e. paid-in-advance) accounts;...
(4) real-time monitoring of inmate telephone calls and alerts...along with the ability to cut off inmate calls individually and globally;
(5) storing and reporting of detailed inmate call details and account information;...(Column 11 Lines 41 – 46).”

Moreover, it is also old and well known of the existence that such payment plans/methods in order to control phone usage, such as calling cards (**see also Net2Phone**).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention in view of the teachings of Gainsboro to modify the combination of Adamson et al., Klug et al., and Oden as discussed in claim 5 to include a software program that monitors paid-in-advance accounts with the ability to cut off calls.

Response to Arguments

34. Applicant's arguments filed 3/19/07 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph

35. Rejection made under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, toward claim 26 is withdrawn due to amendments made on 3/19/07.

Applicant's Arguments

36. Applicant argues that Adamson fails to teach or suggest a phone number inputting window in which the second party opens a web business card, accesses a system and submits the second party's telephone number, and, thereafter selects a control (call button) to request a connection between the second party and the first party. However, Adamson does disclose a bizcard that, when selected, provides a user access to a conference manager, which includes a connect function for initiating a conference call to a PC (**Col. 6 Lines 8 – 19**). Further still, Adamson also teaches that the user is also provided with an interface for inputting necessary information to allow for the call connection to be established between the first and second party (**Col. 7 – 8 Lines 62 – 21**).

37. Applicant further argues that in claim 1, the first party does not control who will communicate with the first card and that, instead, the first party may send web business cards to five hundred e-mail recipients, and any one or more of those recipients will communicate with the first party. Applicant argues that in Adamson, the sender of the bizcard defines who communicates, and when the communication occurs. However, the Examiner asserts that by sending the web business cards to five hundred e-mail recipients the user is, indeed, controlling who will communicate with the sender.

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38. Applicant further argues that Adamson fails to teach or suggest a phone number inputting window when a second client computer opens the business card and accesses the system. However, as discussed above, Adamson does, indeed disclose a phone number inputting window when a second client computer opens the business card and accesses the system (**See also Fig. 6, 7b, 9**). Further still, Adamson discloses that the bizcards can be updated, which would obviously require a phone number inputting window (**Col. 4 Lines 27 – 33**).

39. In regards to applicant's disagreement made at the bottom of page 13 (The Examiner recognizes that....) to the end of the paragraph ending on page 14 (Applicant respectfully disagrees.) the Examiner asserts that:

Applicant's arguments fail to comply with 37 CFR 1.111(b) because they amount to a general allegation that the claims define a patentable invention without specifically pointing out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the references.

40. Regarding to applicant argument that neither Adamson, Klug nor Net2Phone teach or suggest, "searching from a database the first party's phone number that corresponds to a call button selected by the second party, and dialing the first party's phone number that corresponds to a call button selected by the second party, and dialing the first party's phone number and the second party's phone number to make a call connection between the two parties" the Examiner has addressed these limitations above.

Conclusion


41. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure can be found in PTO-892 Notice of References Cited.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gerardo Araque Jr. whose telephone number is (571)272-3747. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:30AM - 4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on (571) 272-6812. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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